(b) The following steps have been taken to increase the coal mining/ production in India:

(1) 100 mining projects have been identified for implementation during Tenth Plan;

(2) Improvement in equipment utilization, mechanization/modernization of existing and new mines, timely implementation of projects and increasing productivity in underground and opencast mines.

Further, Government has allotted 68 captive coal blocks to different consumers for captive use.

Captive mining

3208. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Union Government for allotment of Tadicherla coal mine block of SCCL for captive mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also written to the Union Government for allotment of seven coal mine blocks of SCCL to meet the requirement of Krishna Patnam Thermal Power Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government is considering to allot the coal mines for captive mining; and

(f) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARINARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, on the recommendation of the Government of Andhra Pradesh Tadicherla-coal block has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation under Government dispensation.

(c) and (d) Government of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Central Government requesting for allocation of the following six coal blocks to the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation under Government dispensation to carry out mining operations and supply coal to the power plants. No name of any specific power plant has been mentioned in this regard.

1. Punukula Chilaka
2. Anisettipalli (UG)
3. Penagadappa-I
4. Cherla(OC)
5. Cherla(UG)
6. Tadicheral Block-ll

7. (e) and (f) Government had advertised 20 coal blocks including Punukula Chilaka, Anisettipalli-UG and Penagadapa-I in the territory of the State of Andhra Pradesh, inviting applications from companies engaged in iron and steel production, power generation and cement production for allocation of the coal blocks for captive use of coal in their aforesaid end-use plants. A large number of applications have been received against the aforesaid advertisement.

Coal production

3209. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal by public and private sector and coal companies during the last two years up to 31st October, 2005, company-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any decline in production especially in the public sector coal companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action proposed to be taken to check the decline in coal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The details are given below:—

(Figures in million tonnes)

Company	2003-04	2004-05	2005 (upto 31.10.05)
1	2	3	4
Coal India Limited	306.364	323.575	179.08
Singareni Collieries Company Limited	33.854	35.303	17.91
Damodar Valley Corporation Indian	0.381	0.401	0.20
Iron & Steel Company J&K Mineral	0.77	0.891	0.38
Limited	0.019	0.023	0.01